

STILL UNEXPLORED.

THE LARGEST VOLCANO IN ALASKA
DEFIES APPROACH.

Many Attempts Have Been Made to
Reach the Giant, but It Lies So Far
North That the Absence of Vegetation
Has Rendered It Inaccessible.

The grandest mountain of North
America has not yet been visited by ex-
plorers.

It is an active volcano called Wan-
gell, located in the interior of Alaska,
and its frost wreathed dome forms pre-
sumably the apex of the continent.

Mount Wangell lies about 200 miles
north of the celebrated Mount St. Elias
and is in the center of a region en-
shrouded in mystery. Gigantic moun-
tain ranges rise like terraces one upon
the other, guarding in their midst this
snowy monster of the north.

About forty years ago a party of Rus-
sian explorers on the Copper river, of
Alaska, first sighted the peak away to
the northeast, and being duly impressed
with its majesty conferred upon it the
title of their honored governor,
Baron Wrangell. They made no at-
tempt, however, to reach the mountain,
it being in the country of hostile na-
tives and presenting such apparently
insurmountable obstacles to approach.

Several other companies of Russians
made partial ascents of the Copper river
about the same time and met with dis-
aster. One party of seventeen, under
Sebernikoff, was massacred by the na-
tives. No new knowledge of the Cop-
per river was obtained, and no approach
was made to the volcano.

It was not until 1884 that another at-
tempt was made at exploration in the
Copper river region. Then Lieutenant
Allen, one of the most daring men who
ever entered Alaska, forced his way with
several white companions up the Copper
nearly to its source and circled half way
around the Mount Wangell district,
viewing the mighty peak from a distance
of forty or fifty miles, but finding no op-
portunity to reach and ascend it. In-
deed he was on the verge of starvation
at the time and it would have been
suicide to have attempted to scale the
snowclad heights.

The terrible experiences of Allen dis-
courage further explorations by way
of the Copper, and when, in 1890, I en-
tered Alaska for the second time, I at-
tempted to reach Mount Wangell by a
new avenue of approach, viz., from the
northeast. This route necessitated an
overland march of 300 miles from the
Yukon river, and when provisions be-
came exhausted my party was still fully
forty miles from the volcano and tan-
gled up in a labyrinth of mountain
ranges. Gigantic peaks, snowclad, de-
void of vegetation and animal life,
barred our progress in front, and an at-
tempt to scale them, with nothing to eat
and naught in sight, would have been
sheer madness. So a circle was made to
the northwest, crossing Allen's trail,
and we forced a way to the Yukon, 700
miles distant, barely escaping starvation.

In 1891 Lieutenant Schwatka, famous
as an explorer of the Yukon, tried his
hand at traversing the southern border
of the Mount Wangell domain. He
proceeded overland from Fort Selkirk,
on the upper Yukon, piercing an un-
known district and emerging on the
Copper river south of Mount Wangell.
He also had a close call from starvation.

These few explorations constitute the
sum total of the discoveries in the vicin-
ity of Mount Wangell up to date. Sev-
eral sketches of the volcano have been
made as it appears from a distance, but
no accurate information concerning it
has yet been obtained.

It appears to be fully as high as Mount
St. Elias, and may be even higher. The
natives living in the vicinity are super-
stitiously afraid of venturing near the
volcano, and this fact adds to the inter-
est which surrounds it. I believe that
Mount Wangell can be reached by ex-
plorers who will establish depots of sup-
plies, projecting one post beyond an-
other and arranging for the systematic
forwarding of the provisions to the
terminal. No food can be depended
upon in this region after leaving the
river except that brought in by the ex-
plorer. The scaling of Mount Wangell
heights would require many days, but
could probably be accomplished.

There is apparently little chance that
Mount Wangell will ever be reached
from the direction of Mount St. Elias,
that is, from the south. It is proper to
state that the region between Mount St.
Elias and Mount Wangell is the only
glacier field in Alaska. A few isolated
glaciers can be found elsewhere along
the coast, but in four-fifths of the in-
terior no snow or ice exists during the
summer. A dense wilderness of conif-
ers surrounds the ice region and
blankets the country for hundreds of
miles eastward. The volcano of Mount
Wangell offers today a unique field for
the explorer and the professional moun-
tain climber.—Cincinnati Post.

Intelligent Ants.

Several species of ants in South Amer-
ica make raids on the black ants, rob
them of their larvae and compel the poor
black ants to be their slaves. In the
burying of their dead, ants show won-
derful intelligence, having cemeteries,
and even bury their slaves in a different
place from their masters and are quite
up in funeral pageantry. Much may be
learned from ant life in their wonder-
ful government, sanitary arrangement,
common brotherhood, nursing and care
of the young, temperance and love of
fresh air.—Cincinnati Commercial Ga-
zette.

Street Railways in Great Britain.

There are 968 miles of tramways
opened for passengers in Great Britain.
The working stock consists of 4,067 cars,
and animal traction is still the favorite
method. In 1891 9,000 horses were em-
ployed and 879 steam locomotives; 565,
000 passengers were carried, and the
receipts were \$16,451,000. The value of
the tramways is about \$70,000,000. The
value of the roads in the state of New
York is \$78,000,000.—New York Sun.

Under Torrid Skies.

(Original.)

Oh, for a home within sight of the sea!
Oh, for a cot within sound of the wave!
Oh, for the salt wind, so fragrant and free,
Singing of mermaids, cool in their cave!
Oh, for the open sky, smokeless and fair!
Oh, for the wave sparkles born of its smile!
Oh, for deep breaths of the strong vital air,
Crisp with the freshness of mile after mile!

Oh, to plunge down in the life giving main,
Green and transparent, where sea creatures
roam.

Then to be tossed by the billows again
High on their crest like a bubble of foam!
Even Care's self would grow merry and
bright.

Lightsome and youthful and happy of heart,
Washing away, in the liquid delight,
Stains of the city and mire of the mart!

When the unspitting dog star is high,
When the parched pavements are hot to the
feet,

When not a cloud shadow softens the sky,
When not a mist wreath assuages the heat,
Oh, for the salt wind, so fragrant and free,
Singing of mermaids, cool in their cave!

Oh, for a home within sight of the sea!
Oh, for a cot within sound of the wave!

ELIZABETH AKERS.

A Luckless Youth.

A Calcutta clergyman vouches for
the fact that a young government clerk
in that city has tried three times to
marry the girl of his choice, but has every
time been hypnotized at the altar. The
last time he tried when he got to his
turn to say "I will" he fell down in a
stupor, which lasted several hours; then
he made another attempt, and had an-
other fit. Probably the would be bride
was a snake charmer of India. When
at the altar she thinks of how she will
manage the young man in the years to
come; the magnetism of the thought is
communicated through the hand that
holds hers, and the young man gets a
preliminary idea of how things are going
to be with him.

Possibly some spiritualist might ex-
plain that some one of the other side,
out of compassion for him, is striking
the cup from his lips every time he es-
says to taste it. There is a whole lot in
that spiritualism and hypnotizing busi-
ness which men do not know very much
about, but surely that young man, if he
is the least bit superstitious, will give
up that particular girl and decide in his
own mind that some good spirit is try-
ing with all its might to draw him away
from what would be liable to make his
life a lively one.—Salt Lake Tribune.

A Lens That Has Been Begun.

The greatest refracting telescopes yet
known are made by Alvan G. Clark, of
Cambridgeport, Mass. So fine is the
work required on the lenses of these in-
struments that the glassmakers com-
menced work on two disks from which
a 40-inch lens is to be made four years
ago, and only one has as yet been sent
to Mr. Clark. If there is the most mi-
nute speck of any kind in the glass it is
rejected. A disk forty inches in diameter
and ten inches thick costs \$8,000. After
Mr. Clark has determined what curve
to give the glass, an iron casting is made
of the size and shape required. The
disk is revolved upon this and ground
with steel crushings.

Next, eight courses of emery and an
adjustable tool are used, and at this
stage measurements are made with an
instrument that measures one thirty-
thousandth of an inch. The final shap-
ing is made with beeswax and rouge,
and even the bare thumb does it part in
the polishing. The lens must be so
exact in its curve that every ray striking
it shall center at a predetermined
mathematical point.—Public Opinion.

Latest Elevator Safety Device.

An invention consisting of a quadrant,
with projections placed on the wheel of
the starting machinery, together with
an electrical arrangement by which the
door of the elevator shaft on each floor
is connected with a pair of magnets con-
trolling a lever, which prevents the
starting wheel from moving unless every
door of the shaft is closed and locked, is
the latest elevator safety device. On
opening the door the current is broken
and the armature lever is released.

The machinery cannot be started un-
til the door is closed again and the
armature lever withdrawn. This in-
vention can be supplied at a nominal
cost to elevators in any building, and
there is neither reason nor excuse why
every elevator should not be equipped
with it, thus placing one more safeguard
around human life.—New York Tele-
gram.

Our Population.

Final tables issued by the census office
compute the entire population of the
United States in 1890 at 62,979,766. Of
the total population 7,628,380 are col-
ored, comprising 7,470,048 negroes and
mixed blood, 107,465 Chinese, 2,089 Ja-
nese and 58,808 civilized Indians. The
foreign born inhabitants numbered
9,249,547, and those of foreign parentage
numbered 11,508,675. The figures given
regarding civilized Indians do not cover
the entire Indian population, which is
put at 325,464, though this total includes
some whites.—Bradstreet's.

Aged, but Vigorous.

The Rev. Elijah King, aged eighty-
nine years, an energetic Baptist preacher
of the old school, which surmounted
every obstacle, walked from Parkham
to Wellington—7½ miles—the other day
to attend a quarterly meeting. If that
doesn't illustrate old time religious
vigor we should like to hear of a case
that does.—Augusta (Me.) Journal.

Hanged Himself with Barbed Wire.

Hans Ungman, aged sixty, a prosper-
ous farmer residing in the town of Fish
Lake, committed suicide by suspending
himself from a tree with barbed wire.—
Cor. St. Paul Globe.

Tuberous begonias for winter use
must be kept in a cool, dry place until
they insist on growing. When they re-
fuse to longer remain dormant pot them
and let them grow.

During three weeks eighty-one cases
of horses overcome by the heat were re-
ported to the Philadelphia Society for
the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

Work of the Christian Endeavor Societies.

Those who say there is nothing new
under the sun would be sorely put
to it to find the counterpart of the Young
People's Societies of Christian Endeavor.
When, before this year of grace has the
earth thrilled to the tread of 1,200,000
young people bound together with a
single pledge—to do what? Pedal a bi-
cycle or swing a tennis racket? No; to
read the Bible and pray every day, to
take part regularly in prayer meeting,
support their own churches and engage
in active Christian enterprises. There's
a new aspect of young America for you!
Young America? I should rather say
Young World.

If any one thinks that Christianity is
kenescent he has sufficient answer in
this army of 1,200 full regiments. It is
marching with the steady swing of vet-
erans, and yet with the buoyancy of
youth. Now and then an old Christian
shrugs his shoulders, "After us, the
deluge." True: a deluge of fresher vig-
or, keener wits, stronger faith. Look at
the young people's religious societies of
this decade and you will have no fear
for the church of the Twentieth century.

To one who believes all this it is in-
deed astonishing that there are some
who never heard of the Christian En-
deavor movement, who do not know
how, only eleven years ago last Febru-
ary, from the elements of a revival in a
church in Maine, an earnest pastor and
faithful people, was crystallized this new
jewel of the church's scepter, the Chris-
tian Endeavor pledge. What was at-
tractive about it? Where were the jokes,
the uniforms, the cake and candy, the
glitter and gayety that alone were sup-
posed capable of drawing young people?
If for nothing else, the world owes this
movement its profound gratitude for
proving the deep seriousness of the
young. It used to be said, "Win them
by persons." Now it is said, "Win them
by principles."—Harper's Weekly.

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